

**GRANTEE:**

**Taos Pueblo**

**PROGRAM TITLE:**

*Tiwa Babies Tribal Home Visiting Program*

**PROGRAM PERIOD:**

Cohort 2 (September 30, 2011 to September 29, 2016)

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**GOAL OF THE PROGRAM**

The Tiwa Babies Tribal Home Visiting Program aims to increase access to high quality early childhood services. This program will support optimal child and family development, healthy lifestyles, and strong connections to family, community, culture, and tradition. The program will include individual family activities that promote and preserve the community's traditions and culture.

**COMMUNITY CONTEXT FOR THE PROGRAM**

<b>State:</b>	New Mexico
<b>Rural or Urban/Reservation or Non-Reservation:</b>	Rural Reservation
<b>Description of Service Area:</b>	Taos Pueblo is located in north-central New Mexico. Approximately 1,500 enrolled tribal members live in and around the 100,000 acre reservation. Taos Pueblo families on the reservation live 3 miles from the Taos-Picuris Indian Health Services Clinic and more than 6 miles from the nearest hospital, Holy Cross, in the town of Taos. Only a few roads connect Taos Pueblo to the town of Taos. Public transit does not service the area. Taos Pueblo's geographic features and lack of transportation limits access to essential services.
<b>Births Per Year:</b>	According to the implementation plan neither Taos Pueblo nor Taos County collect or report this information.
<b>Children Ages Birth to 5 Years in Target Community:</b>	In 2010, children birth to age 5 comprised 9 percent (i.e., 133 children) of the general population.
<b>Unique Characteristics of Target Community:</b>	Taos Pueblo has been home to the Taos Indians for over 1,000 years and is the oldest continuously inhabited community in the United States.

## COMMUNITY CONTEXT FOR THE PROGRAM (continued)

<b>Key Community Partners:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WIC</li> <li>• Taos Pueblo Division of Health and Community Services</li> <li>• Taos Women's Health Institute</li> <li>• Taos Health Systems/Taos First Steps HV</li> <li>• Taos/Picuris Indian Health Center</li> <li>• My First School/Taos Pueblo Head Start</li> <li>• UNM-Taos Early Childhood Resource Center</li> <li>• Ensenos Los Angelitos</li> <li>• PASO A PASO Network</li> </ul>
<b>Primary Risk Factors in Target Community:</b>	The primary risk factors include substance abuse, domestic violence, and high rates of unemployment, under-employment, and high school dropout.

## PROGRAM DELIVERY CONTEXT

<b>Organization Type Administering the Program:</b>	The Taos Pueblo Division of Health and Community Services is a social services and welfare agency.
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Taos Pueblo Division of Health and Community Services Division
<b>Target Population:</b>	The Tiwa Babies Tribal Home Visiting Program is focused on providing services to Taos Pueblo members residing on the Pueblo and within Taos County. Home visiting services will be offered to families with children ages birth to age 5. Priority will go to pregnant women and young adult parents under age 21; high-risk families with a history of child abuse or neglect, interactions with child welfare services, a history of substance abuse, a need for substance abuse treatment, or older children with low student achievement or developmental delays or disabilities; that use tobacco products at home; or are at risk of domestic violence.
<b>Target and Actual Numbers Served:</b>	The Tiwa Babies Home Visiting program estimates it can begin serving 20 families in the first year of implementation and an additional 10 families in the second year of implementation. To date, Tiwa Babies Tribal Home Visiting Program has 9 clients.

## HOME VISITING MODEL SELECTED

The Tiwa Babies Tribal Home Visiting Program has selected the Family Spirit (FS) home visiting model.

## KEY MODEL ADAPTATIONS OR ENHANCEMENTS

Taos Pueblo believes that culture is the cornerstone for healthy families and children, and the Tiwa Babies Tribal Home Visiting Program will reinforce traditional ways of life. These traditions address how to nurture infants; achieving balance with mind, body and spirit; and sharing food, clothes, and essentials with others in need. These traditions allow all members of the community to take part in rearing the next generation.



## KEY MODEL ADAPTATIONS OR ENHANCEMENTS (continued)

The Tiwa Babies Tribal Home Visiting Program will enhance the cultural component of the Family Spirit model by incorporating the Tiwa language in FS lesson plans. The Tiwa Babies Tribal Home Visiting Program will reinforce lessons learned at school and at Head Start by speaking Tiwa.

## DESCRIPTION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM

The current early childhood system involves Taos Pueblo Early Childhood Education Center, Taos Pueblo Head Start, two home visiting programs, and the Taos Pueblo Social Services Program. The Taos Pueblo Early Childhood Education Center provides developmentally appropriate and culturally relevant early childhood education programs. These programs are offered through Head Start for children ages 3 to 5 years. My First School provides early childhood education programs for children ages 12 to 35 months. Taos Pueblo Head Start has a funded enrollment of 56 children and has a close relationship with the Bureau of Indian Education School. The Taos Pueblo Social Service Program provides support and protective services for Taos Pueblo families, including those with young children.

## EVALUATION APPROACH

### Evaluation Question

We propose to test two alternative incentive packages for families to determine which best promotes family retention. The incentive packages cost the same, so this will help us understand which package provides the greatest “bang for the buck.”

### Evaluation Design

Randomized-control trial.

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